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LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB

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LMVYC TEAM TRAVELS TO WESTLAKE YACHT CLUB



S/C Roger Robison, Willi Hugelshofer, Rod Simenz, Horst Weiler, R/CTony Musolino, a sailing buddy, and Graham Newman after a great day's racing at Westlake Yacht Club on June 4. A gray overcast morning turned into warm sunshine by afternoon. Missing from the picture is Randy Tiffany who was drying off his motorcycle helmet!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Summer Regatta is coming up on **June 26**, followed by our first club barbecue of the year. Remember to call or email our Fleet Surgeons to see if they need help with the food. This is a do it yourself club and every member is expected to pitch in and help with these events. Lots of hands are needed to make the regatta days successful and fun. In **July** no regattas are scheduled but as we've done for the last few years we'll have our relaxed racing Fridays on **July 15 and August 5** about 4 pm, followed by a 'bring your own BBQ or supper and whatever you want to drink' picnic at the tables outside the Clubroom. The Club does not supply food or beverages for these informal get-togethers.

Sailing Schedule

Midwinter Regatta	February 19/20
Opening Day Regatta	March 20
LMVYC Invitational	April 2
Sunset sailing begins	April 6
Spring Regatta 1	April 17
Spring Regatta 11	May 22
LAKE SAFETY DAY	
JUNE 11	
Summer Regatta	June 26
Friday Night Sunset Sail	July 15
Friday Night Sunset Sail	August 5
Annual Regatta	August 21
Fall Regatta	September 25
LMVYC Invitational	October 12
Sunset sailing ends	October 13
Top Skippers Championship	October 23
LMVYC ANNUAL MEETING	
NOVEMBER 9	
Turkey Regatta	November 2
CHRISTMAS PARADE	
DECEMBER 10	
INSTALLATION DINNER	
JANUARY 14, 2006	

Yacht Club Reciprocals for 2005

The following Yacht Clubs have extended reciprocal privileges to the members of LMVYC for the year 2005. If you visit be sure to have your current LMVYC membership card with you and sign in at the front desk. Not all clubs have food and/or beverage service and those that do may only offer bar and/or restaurant service on weekends. Calling ahead to find out when they're open is a good idea. Check out the bulletin board in the Club Room for additions to the list which may have come in after this was printed.

American Legion YC	949 - 673-5070
Anacapa Yacht Club	805 - 984-0211
Balboa Yacht Club	949 - 673-3515
Channel Islands Naval YC	
Corsair Yacht Club	908 - 803-1343
Cortez Racing Assoc.	619 - 685-7717
Huntington Harbor YC	562 - 592-2186
Lido Isle Yacht Club	949 - 673-5119
Hollywood Yacht Club	310 - 326- 4553
Pierpoint Yacht Club	805 - 644- 6672
Sea Gate Yacht Club	714 - 840-8049
South Shore YC	949 - 646-3102
Sunset Aquatic YC	www.sayc.org
Westlake Yacht Club	818 - 889-4820

From the editor ...

As all members know by now our popular Commodore Fon Koot had to resign because of his and Notty's move to Arizona. We were all taken by surprise as were Fon and Notty themselves I think! Club members attended a farewell dinner in their honor in May in the Clubroom. Fon was presented with a parting gift from the officers and members and there were many tributes made to his active involvement with the Yacht Club and the many contributions he made. We'll all miss this grand couple but we are fortunate to have our lovely Vice Commodore Vivienne Savage step into the breach and she will carry out Fon's duties for the remainder of the year.

FROM the BRIDGE

As you know Fon (Koot) our Commodore has moved to Arizona, so as Vice Commodore I have taken over for him. First I want to thank everyone for your support, I appreciate your encouragement, and kind words to me. Now let me tell you a little of my background, and how I joined the Yacht Club.

I was born and brought up in Shaw, southeast Lancashire, England, right on the Yorkshire border. The latter part of my education was spent at the School of Commerce, where I was taught office and business skills, and that's what I did for a living, putting what I had learned to use.

In 1961 I got married; my husband's hobby was cricket, which took up a lot of time, him playing, me watching. We did have a friend who took up sailing, so we would go to the Yacht Club with him, the club was on the Pennines, which is rugged moor land running through our part of Lancashire, well into Yorkshire, it can be bleak and cold, it can be sunny and nearly warm, but one thing for sure, it will be windy. Our friend's wife did not like sailing; neither did my husband, but I would have a try sometimes. In 1965 our son was born, so life changed for me, I gave up any idea of being a sailor.

My husband died suddenly January 1981, and my best friend from childhood, Margaret who was married to Leonard (Savage) died sometime later. Margaret and Len lived in Mission Viejo, and had come to

California in 1965, through Len's job. Len and I commiserated with each other about our losses, and after a while we decided to get married and I came to live in California. Life was different for me, but enjoyable, the house we live in is at the top of Vista Del Lago, as I was coming down the hill I would see the boats on the lake, and wish I could sail. One Saturday I was on my way to the mall, I think it was March, it was cloudy, the wind was blowing, it was a stormy type of day and as I headed down the hill I saw the Lake was full of yachts moving fast across the water. I drove to the dam end of the Lake and got out to watch the sailing; it was exciting. Later I found out it was a well attended C15 Invitational. I enjoyed watching the sailing instead of going to the mall to shop.

I read in the Noticia about sailing lessons and I asked Len if he would come and take the lessons with me but he said no. The next year again I read about the sailing lessons, Len's answer was still NO. So after some thought, off I went and signed up for the lessons on my own, and that decision changed our lives and brought us a whole lot of new friends, lots of fun and happiness that we have enjoyed, and are still enjoying, after thirteen years.

So that's a synopsis of my life so far. Who knows what the future may bring? May it be many more years of camaraderie at LMVYC

Vivienne Savage
Acting Commodore

From the Starting Line:
Race Chair: Jack McCollum

Come join the Race Committee!

Would you like to become an active part of the yacht club? One way is to take sailing lessons and crew on a boat and the other is to volunteer for the Race Committee! We're currently short on qualified people to run the races so we're relying on a few experienced members and sailors who thankfully donate a Sunday every month to help us out.

Race management is not as hard to learn as sailing and is actually quite a bit of fun.

Please contact Jack McCollum to sign up for a short class before the next race in the clubhouse. We'll do a few mock races with a stopwatch and discuss setting the line, the start sequence, signal flags and choosing courses to race. It may sound a bit complicated but there will always be a knowledgeable Principle Race Officer (PRO) on board who will oversee the whole event and guide you.

If you'd like to help us keep all our sailors out on the water please don't hesitate to contact me by email mccollumj@cox.net or phone 949-235-1699. The class will take place one hour before the skippers meeting at every regatta.

R/C Jack McCollum

WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS ALL
ON the ROAD and ON the WATER

It was nice to see such a good turnout of LMVYC sailors at Westlake Yacht Club on June 5 for their Annual Cup Regatta.

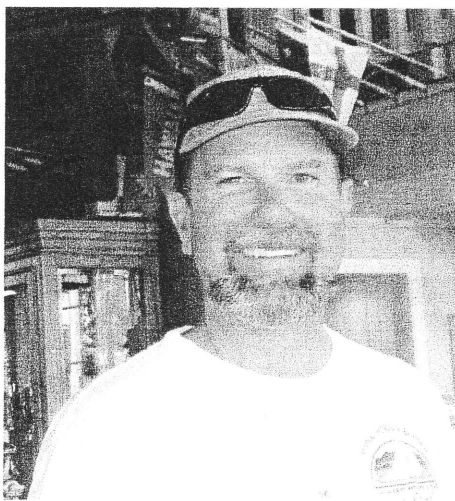
Trailing up the highway were C-15 sailors Horst Weiler with Graham Newman; Capri sailors Tony Musolino and crew Rod Simenz; Finn sailors Willi Hugelshofer, Roger Robison and Randy Tiffany. Cheer leaders were Corinne Musolino, Tara Robison and Audrey Simenz

A gloomy morning gave way to sunshine and fairly good wind with normal squirrely lake conditions. Adding to the general air of organized chaos were almost fifty junior sabots racing one of their High Point Series

regattas. Watching the WYC Race Chair instruct the juniors at their own skippers meeting was a treat. Talk about herding cats! And feisty! At the end of the day trophy presentations (Willi brought home a 2nd place in the Finn class) were delayed for quite some time by four separate Sabot fleet protests. Fortunately the delay was belayed by Westlake YC's customary warm hospitality and great hors d'oeuvres.

Also bearing our burgee to distant waters, Arnold Christensen and Chuck Seymour raced their Lido 14s in the Lido 14 Fleet Championships raced at Balboa Yacht Club. Thanks for doing us proud guys!

Randy and the rest of the LMVYC group at Westlake YC



LMVYC 2005

FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

A Fleet

- 1 Horst Weiler
- 2 Willi Hugelshofer
- 3 Fon Koot

B Fleet

- 1 Doug Sheppard
- 2 Rod Simenz
- 3 Randy Tiffany

C Fleet

- 1 Frank Fournier
- 2 John Olson
- 3 Ced Fields

Capri 14.2 Class

- 1 Randy Tiffany
- 2 Robert VanPelt
- 3 Allyn Edwards

C-15 Class

- 1 Grandpa Weiler
- 2 Papa Henricks

Finn Class

- 1 Willi Hugelshofer
- 2 Fon Koot

Lido 14 Class

- 1 Doug Sheppard
- 2 Rod Simenz
- 3 Arnold Christensen

Thistle Class

- 1 Roger Robison
- 2 Rick Quick
- 3 Ron Meyer

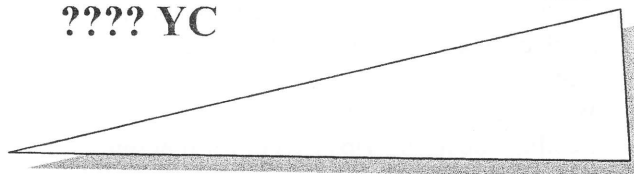
Welcome Aboard

*The Yacht Club is pleased to
welcome new members
Dietrich Himmeler
Jay and Betsey Mendoza
Robert and Karen Miller
Bob and Elsa Robb.
We look forward to seeing you
all at the Summer Regatta on
June 26.*

Annual Regatta Tee Shirts

Len Savage is handling the tee shirts this year and will be taking orders for the 28th Annual Regatta Tee Shirts at the next regatta on June 26. For more information call Len or Vivienne Savage at 830-6695.

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S/C John Olson would like members who have contributed burgees to our Clubroom to let him know what Yacht Club they came from, with a description of the burgee. You can email him, give him a phone call or drop him a note with the details. There are quite a few he's having difficulty identifying. We are very fortunate to have John take care of mounting and labeling all the burgees. It's been an ongoing labor for several years now and adds so much to the ambience of our Clubroom. So try to remember where you've been and what yacht clubs you visited, and let John know. (_~

PICTURING A BIT OF CLUB

HISTORY

For several years now your editor has been trying to track down photographs of our earlier commodores. S/C Milly Thomas was able to provide us with a photo of one previous commodore and now detective Will Hugelshofer has found another: Bruce Harrington, who manned the helm for many years when the Club was going through an 'adjustment' period. S/C Bruce Harrington, who's been living in Oregon for thirteen years now, provided a photograph too. Check it out next time you're in the Clubroom. Turns out that when sailors can't get their feet off the ground in a boat, they like to get them off the ground and up in the air. Bruce wrote that he's built his own airplane and enjoys flying now.

Racing on Land!

A trip with the McCollums

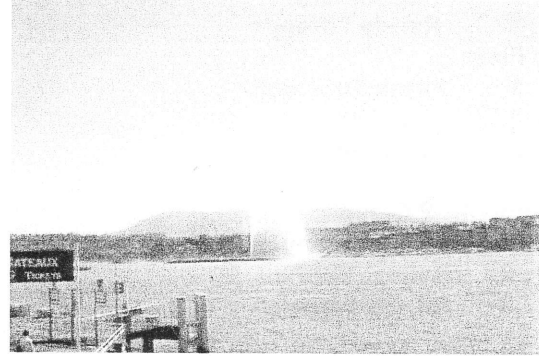
I had an extra week of vacation this year so I decided to accompany Cecilia on a business trip to Geneva and Budapest. If you've ever seen the movie "Run Lola, run!" you might have an idea how the trip went down. In that movie the heroine literally runs from place to place in a European city for the entire movie!

We went to Geneva was another one of Cecilia's business trips except for that one I drove a car from Frankfurt, Germany to Lausanne, which is on the other side of the lake from Geneva. We rented a diesel-powered minivan and despite speeding along at almost ninety miles per hour we were continually passed by faster cars on the autobahn. In fact the only car that I was able to pass was pulling a horse trailer! On that trip in November of '99, we were told that the weather was very nice, (rain and thirty eight degrees Fahrenheit) but not the usual time for tourists so this time, we were looking forward to seeing Geneva in all her glory!

We weren't disappointed and were able to enjoy our five days there in brilliant sunshine with bright blue skies and only an occasional white cloud. There is a famous feature in Geneva or rather on the water just in front of the old town and that is the Jet d'Eau (water jet). On the Mont Blanc side of the lake and about a hundred yards from the shore is a pump that shoots a column of water 460 feet into the air. Over eight tons of water are suspended in that column and for that reason it automatically stops whenever the wind blows over twelve miles per hour so that the spray doesn't drift over to the yacht storage nearby.

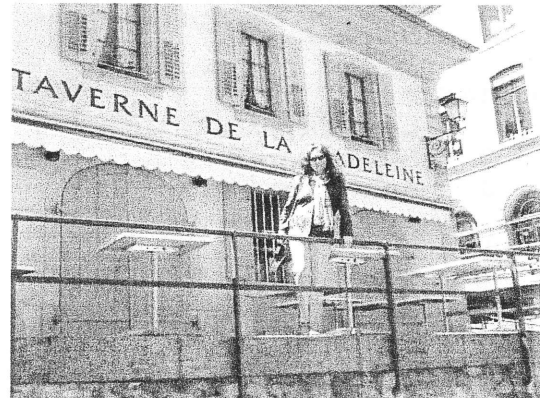
Speaking of yachts we took a little boat tour of the Lake, which is known around the world as Lake Geneva but locally it is called Lac Lemman. During the tour we saw the houses of many famous people including Lord Byron, and Mary Shelly who wrote her story of Frankenstein while living in that house. Living in such an idyllic setting it is no wonder she had a fear of the coming of a

mechanized age. We also passed the Yacht Club where the Team Alinghi is based. Does that name ring a bell? The Alinghi team currently holds the America's cup! You might wonder how such large sailing vessels can operate on a lake unless you know that Lake Geneva is eighty five miles long and over a thousand feet deep in places!



Jet d'Eau. Lake Geneva

Water entering the far end of the lake from the Rhone takes over seventeen years to exit near the old town of Geneva.



Cecilia in Old Geneva

Did I mention old? We took a tour of the old town and were told by the guide upon crossing a narrow part of the Rhone that it was at this point that Julius Caesar crossed the Rhone in 52 BC on his way to battle the Gallic uprising. You don't walk on ground like that in America! There is also a new cathedral in the old downtown. They call it "new" even though St. Pierre's was finished in 1200 AD because it was built on top of the foundations of many much older places of worship for the area dating back over two thousand years. We toured the underground excavations of the main cathedral and saw

the remnants of roman mosaic floors dating back two millennia. I wasn't able to walk on that but viewing it was quite an experience.

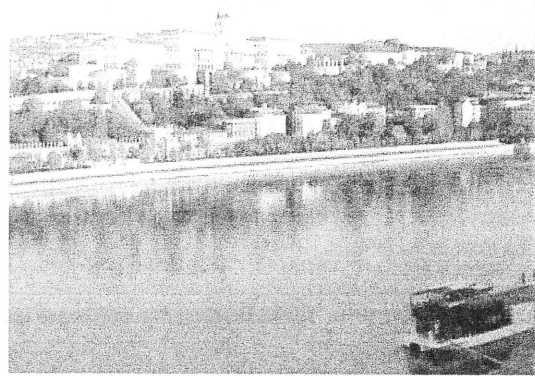
Languages divide Switzerland and the main ones are German, Italian and French. Geneva is in the French speaking part and that's important to know if you're going to travel there and don't speak the language. When I was by myself without Cecilia to interpret I had some trouble understanding the locals who for the most part, do speak English, but it still sounds EXACTLY LIKE FRENCH! The only person in the hotel that I could easily understand was from Zurich, which is in the German speaking part of Switzerland.

It was fun to see Cecilia at the trade show speaking to people in various languages but especially strange to see her talking to an Italian in her native Spanish while he talked to her in Italian. They seemed to be getting along fine during a twenty-minute conversation and she later told me that they had no trouble communicating at all.

Every time we travel to a French speaking country we're always in search of that elusive "great French food" we keep hearing about. We finally found it in a restaurant called the Perle du Lac right on the waterfront near the old town. I was really glad that one of the magazines in which Cecilia advertises took us there because the bill for three people was \$400 and we only drank water! It was however, one of the finest meals I've ever eaten and the view out to the lake at night with lightning strikes over near Lausanne was surreal.

Once Cecilia's trade show was over we hopped on a British owned airline called Easy Jet and flew to see one of her vendors in Budapest. It was a short flight but during the trip something very strange happened. A man dressed in women's undergarments and a see through skirt came walking up the aisle and stood at the front of the small plane. (It was not a pretty sight.) They made an announcement in French and Cecilia told me

that it was some sort of "hazing" for a new employee's first day on the job. I wondered if that was a British or Swiss custom?



BUDA PALACE on the DANUBE RIVER

Anyway, we finally made it to the fun part of the trip...Budapest, Hungary! Our hotel was right on the Blue Danube and overlooked the Buda Palace. I was surprised to find out that Budapest is really two cities named Buda and of course Pest! Also, the proper pronunciation sounds like budapesht. All of the nice hotels are on the flat, Pest side of the Danube so they can have a view of the castles across on the hilly Buda side. What a sight! To imagine Budapest you only have to think of Paris in the heart of city near the "Ile de la Cité", the island from which Notre Dame Cathedral rises. After visiting the vendor's plantation and processing plant he took us to lunch at a very nice restaurant near the Hosok tere (heroes square). We traveled to this beautiful square down Andrassy Street and I commented to Cecilia that it looked remarkably like streets in Paris and we later learned on a tour that it is indeed called the Champs-Elysees of Eastern Europe.

Our host told us that the restaurant near the square served typical Hungarian food so I ordered something called Stuffed Paprika. I couldn't imagine what it would be like but when it came I saw that it was just like our stuffed bell peppers! Delicious!

We took a quick tour of the highlights of the city including the Spa city, Matthias church,

the Palace of Buda, the Citadel and its city views and the Hall of the Academy of Music where the Hungarians Bartok and Franz Liszt performed.

One fascinating part of our trip was the many conversations we had with our host, Csaba Fodor. He would be considered conservative politically and economically by our standards and is very appreciative of Hungary's new freedom from Communist rule. He hated being forced to learn Russian during his school years and also received a different take on history. For example, the subject of Britain's Admiral Nelson came up and Csaba said to me, "We know him as the *Pirate* Nelson."

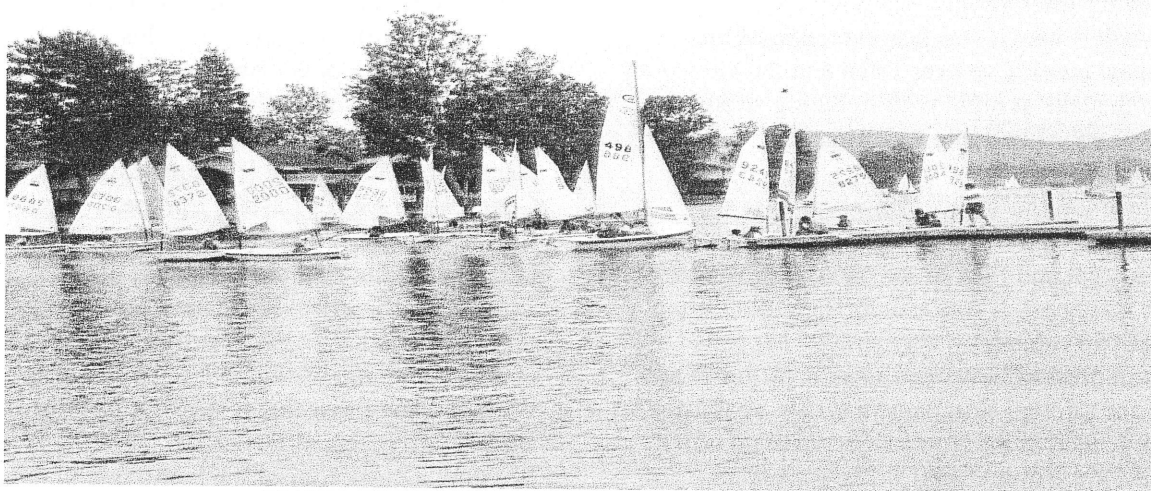
Have you ever had the wonderful experience of finding a new place even better than you imagined? That sums up our short visit to Budapest! Shortly before going back to the airport I saw a high-speed hydrofoil boat zooming up the river and I asked where it was going in such a rush? "That's the boat to Vienna." I was told. "It does fifty knots and is the quickest way to travel there in a little over two hours!" Well, on next year's vacation to Edinburgh and Budapest, you'd better believe we're also taking a little side trip to Vienna!!

Jack McCollum

Challenging sailing at Westlake



There has to be a hole ...



THERE it is... I think....